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Title: SURGICAL SAW BLADE

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

- [X] Response to Interview Summary dated September 29, 2008 -- 2 pages.
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RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Communication containing an Interview Summary mailed on September 25, 2008, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Applicants agree with the content of the Interview Summary insofar as the Interview Summary indicates that the Examiner agreed that the Miller reference cited in the final Office Action does not overlap the pending claims. However, it is noted that the Examiner also agreed to withdraw the objection to claim 11 set forth on page 2 of the Office Action and the rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-20, and 22-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. The Examiner also agreed to withdraw the prior art rejections based on Miller. In view of the foregoing, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the Office Action and issue a further office communication.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner officially withdraw the final Office Action dated May 28, 2008.